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Start the year right by taking the county paper.

Senator Ferguson is one of the patrons of the Governor's bill to reduce state taxes. We are glad to see this. Now Senator, as you are supreme in Appomattox, you will endorse the plan to reduce our county taxes? For the 1928 budget the tax-payers would be greatly pleased and satisfied with a reduction of ten cents in the county levy and ten cents off the district road tax for each district. The equalization assessment can be adjusted later, but relief from the unnecessarily high rate is prayed for now. The Board of Supervisors declined to grant the relief. The Senator is a large tax-payer and we feel the Board would reduce the taxes if only he would join the people in this effort.

Appomattox Fair

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Appomattox Fair will be held here on the 8th of Feb. at this time it is expected the question of holding the annual exhibit will be decided. The stockholders will invite the public to the meeting it is said for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people as to whether the fair will continue or not.

The association has never made money but it has been regarded as one of the attractions of Appomattox and afford a gala week for our boys and girls to come home and see just what old Appomattox is doing when her annual show of farm products are displayed to the world. We don't like to see the fair pass away.

Lynchburgers Help

Much of the preliminary work looking toward the preservation of the Appomattox Surrender Grounds as a national park has been done, according to H. C. Featherston, chairman of the Lions Club committee, which is promoting the project. Options on most of the farms include in the area occupied by the northern and southern armies at the time Lee surrendered have been obtained, a map of the grounds is being prepared by the Appomattox Chamber of Commerce and the State is having made at Richmond another map showing the exact location of the various military units.

It is planned by the committee here to secure and co-ordinate these maps. Meanwhile steps are being taken to secure support of the Grand Army of the Republic for the project and to pave the way for securing funds to purchase the area which would be turned over to the Federal Government for maintenance.

While no definite statement was made about the price in options, at least one member of the committee indicated disappointment at the size of the prices mentioned, a majority of the 25 farmers owning property in the proposed park having given options so far.

In taking up the matter, the chairman of the committee said yesterday, "We had hoped that the citizens of Appomattox would realize that this gives them a great opportunity and that their active cooperation is active expected. Their assistance means a great deal toward attaining success in carrying forward a difficult work."

More emphasis than appear on the surface must be considered members of the committee said.

SHOWS MONKEYS CAN LEARN TO JUDGE TIME

Scientist Tells of Interesting Experiment.

Columbus, Ohio.—Two little monkeys, whose names for publication are abbreviated to A and B, have assisted a psychologist to demonstrate that monkeys can judge time. They have also shown that if they are typical examples of their kind the female monkey has a little better sense of time than the male.

The two monkeys learned not to reach for a piece of banana displayed in a tin can when a sound hammer measured off a second and a half interval. Just before the can was shown, and they learned to take the banana out of the can when four and a half seconds were sounded off.

Dr. Herbert Woodworth of the University of Oklahoma, who reported this experiment before the American Psychological association, stated that after 2,000 trials the female monkey, A, responded correctly in 925 out of 1,000 instances, and after 3,000 trials monkey B, the male, made a record of 90 per cent.

The experiment was conducted for a short time for more than a month.

Scolded into Knowledge.

The monkeys were discouraged from making the wrong response by scolding and being told "No," Doctor Woodworth said. After about five days monkey A, who had with her paw on the screen which covered the can while the time interval was being measured, was quite irregular, but it developed into a habit so that she hit the can twice during the shorter interval and much faster during the longer interval. As a result of being scolded when she reached for the food at the wrong time this monkey developed a vacillating type of behavior, reaching out and fidgeting the rim of the can.

Monkey B, toward the last days of the experiment, began to pull at the brown felt on which the food can rested, and after that pulling at the felt began his regular procedure. If the correct response was made, the monkey would pull at the felt and then quickly seize the banana and eat it. If the signal was not to take it he would pull at the felt and then rest his paw on the rim of the cage.

New Test Speller.

The old-fashioned spelling bee at which supremacy in spelling was fought over by a much simpler method, a new scientific test to measure spelling ability devised by Dr. J. E. W. Wallis of Miami University was described before the association.

A child who possesses marked spelling ability ought to be able to spell phonetic words of increasing difficulty without much instruction after he has mastered the simple mechanics of spelling, Doctor Wallis said, but he might not be able to spell unfamiliar words that are spelled quite differently from the way they sound. Resolving along this line, he selected a list of 430 words that were spelled just as they sound and had them tried out on more than 2,000 school children from the second to eighth grades.

A child who can spell correctly all the words in the test that children of his grade usually get is an average speller. If he can spell more than that he is a superior speller, and his degree of superiority can be gauged by the extent to which he applies his simple knowledge of spelling to working out the phonetic spelling of longer and unfamiliar words.

General intelligence tests are useful in predicting a child's capacity for general education, Doctor Wallis said, but special tests are needed to diagnose a child's possibilities in each type of learning, and such tests should be given early in the child's school career.

Veteran Gets Pension

Fifty Years After War

St. Peter, Minn.—More than half a century after leaving the Union army a Civil war veteran, confined to the State hospital here, has been identified and granted the federal pension which those honorably discharged veterans who have been under a mental cloud virtually since finishing Civil war duties with Company Fifth New York Field artillery. He has been at the hospital 24 years.

Paula, Minn., where he lived alone as a hermit, frequently during his uniform and telling of war service, but unable to tell his command had been in the "Frontier" during the war.

He was a state treasurer, took an interest in the case and began to delve into the records of the war.

Identified as an honorably discharged veteran, Paula has been granted a check for \$20.72 for back pension and will get \$72 per month. His condition makes it necessary that he remain here, but relatives plan to keep the money to treat for benefit.

Wolves Eat Girls

Vladivostok.—New Press publishes an unconfirmed report that 11 peasant girls of the Chochlovskaya town of Manchuria have been devoured by wolves when returning from a neighboring village through the forest.

Atmospheric Fact

At 31 miles from the earth's surface there is atmosphere still, but its density is only 1/1000 of what it is at the surface. It does not extend much further.

Yes, Many More

More than one attorney picks up some coin as he lays down the law—Farm and Poultry.

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LITTLE IS KNOWN OF WORLD'S RICHEST MAN

Sir Basil Zaharoff Called Man of Mystery.

Paris.—Sir Basil Zaharoff, often called the richest man in the world, has probably never told anything about himself or what he is doing. So he has been known as the mysterious man of international finance, and the sleeping partner of the world's most powerful riches has been exercised more widely than that of any other rich man of the world. So all must be interested in the announcement from London that:

"The Daily Mail understands that Sir Basil Zaharoff has decided to retire from active business. He intends to spend most of his time at his Monte Carlo villa."

Public attention is thus drawn again to this mysterious man who holds large and unimagingly varied money activities. Only a few days ago, the great English house of Vickers (arms and munitions) presented him with a cup in commemoration of his 50 years with the firm. That connection alone spread Zaharoff's activities quite round the globe. And when the conference came in 1910 to settle up such world affairs as arms and munitions, it found Zaharoff an active leader in many other things quite as important.

The sober London organ says: "Many stories of his vast influence in international politics were born of the mystery which his secret wealth of any kind of publicity created; but enough truth remains to establish him as one of the great international figures of the present generation."

Became Financial Power.

And with all its mystery we now know something of this man of exotic race, whose youth in strange lands was followed by his steady rise to secret but immense financial influence, first in England, then in Europe, and last of all in the entire world—where his daily life more and more hidden away in Paris and Monte Carlo.

In 1924 the world was really thrilled by the marriage which closed a long romance late in life and was followed by the death of his wife a year ago.

For a marriage French law requires the exact names of the parties to be posted in the marriage office. Now, the marriage of Zaharoff with the widow of the king of Spain's cousin was celebrated in the little village where he owns a country residence—once occupied by Leopold, king of the Belgians.

One of the few French newspapers who arrived in time, saw that Sir Basil was registered with an unknown first name—that of "Zachary" known first name—has always held to this name of Basil Zaharoff.

His real name, however, is "Z. Basil Zaharoff."

It is his Russian name. For although he was born in Constantinople, his father is said to be the Levantine of the air, from the Ukraine. His mother contributed the "Basil," being Greek, or as the legend has it, Circassian. But by legal nationality, he is neither Turk, Russian, Greek nor English by spite of the neighborhood which makes him Sir Basil.

Married without a Country.

He is not even French, as the French actually supposed from his long residence among them, in Paris and Monte Carlo.

Zaharoff in fact, is one of those peculiar men deprived by the war of their birth citizenship—a man without a country legally! In England, he is a capitalist knighted by the king. In Greece, he is a capitalist—and domiciled. But in reality he is what he has always been—a citizen of the world.

At twenty-seven he was already the efficient agent to St. Petersburg of the Norddeutscher steel firm, arms and munitions. In a few years this was to be absorbed by the firm founded in England to exploit the inventions of Sir Hiram Maxim. And then Maxim's was amalgamated with Vickers.

Enters South American Field.

After Russia, Zaharoff tackled South America and did still better for him. Years passed. The firm grew. Argentina's needs of it grew more, and again it became Zaharoff to do the work in South Africa.

Zaharoff was the providence. First fish policy from the Balkans to China. The great war came. And he was able to throw all the capacities and connections of the firm into the service of the allies—the connections were his.

After the war the Greek Venizelos had to be helped in Asia Minor, but the Greeks managed to lose Smyrna and all the Young Turks.

Only after the war, nevertheless, did the variegated use this man was making with so much money go into the consciousness of the world's press. He was mixed up with the Lloyd George politics everywhere, just as he had been the powerful arm, made of the great steel firm all round the world.

Troublesome Donkeys

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Hundreds of donkeys moving about the vicinity of Price, Utah, are presenting a bothersome problem to that community, eating all the grass.

Extra Extra!

"Daddy" Browning is dying. He keeps down his relatives by living mostly on raw oats and water.

Geats Have Queer Horns

One of the species of wild goats found among the lofty peaks of the Himalayas is notable for its twisted horns, says Popular Mechanics.

They somewhat resemble huge set on the head to form a "Y." The horns are three feet long and are bare except for a few scales.

These animals are nearly inaccessible to hunters.

Many Hogs in Virginia Dying From Cholera

Cape Charles, Va.—With approximately 2,000 hogs, valued at \$50,000, already dead in Northampton county, and many more sick and dying daily from cholera, numerous farmers of this section will have almost empty pig houses for the winter and the main meat supply of the county is at a premium for the domestic porkers are concerned.

Hog cholera started in lower Northampton county in the late fall and spread throughout all sections, taking a toll of porkers at almost every farmhouse and in many herds wiping out the entire pen.

One farmer buried a hundred hogs recently within a two-week period and the shortage of hog meat in the county has reached a startling state.

The two county veterinarians are busy injecting serum in the animals that have escaped the disease thus far with the hope of saving them, but more than half of the hogs of the county have died, it is said.

Leading farmers and the county farm agent are taking steps to have all hogs of Northampton vaccinated with the hope of eliminating cholera to protect next year's supply of porkers.

French Farmers Worry

as Prices Decrease

Paris.—French farmers are worried over a fall of 30 to 35 per cent in all farm products since last May.

M. Pierre de Montcaut, member of the chamber of deputies and regarded in France as speaking with greater authority on farm affairs than any other man in public life, declares the reduction has brought about a destructive crisis in French agriculture.

"It has resulted," he says, "in an immense movement from the farm to town. The number of farms for sale is increasing daily. The best farmers these who have been more or less successful in the past, are the ones who are abandoning their fields to seek a better fortune in the city."

While he blames failure of lower production costs to accompany the fall in agricultural products, he does not state cause of the present crisis, M. de Montcaut attaches considerable responsibility to the lack of suitable farm credits.

Industrial enterprises obtaining capital through issuance of stock are not required to pay until the undertaking is profitable, whereas the farmer who gets credit must pay when his crop is gathered, regardless of success or failure, he says.

Further Addition

J. P. Miller, "Don't worry" is a good motto, but it can be much improved by the addition of the single word "Others"—Kansas City Star.

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